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## RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to Office Communication of January 27, 2004 setting forth a 6 way restriction requirement, Applicants do hereby elect with traverse to prosecute the claims in Group I. That is, claims 88,90-128, 130-132, 134-136 and 138.

At this time Applicants respectfully submit that the claims in Groups III, IV and VI should be examined in conjunction with the claims of Group I. In this regard Applicants note that paragraph 10 of the Office Action indicates that the inventions of the various groups have acquired separate status in the art as shown by their different classification. However, as noted by the Examiner, the inventions of groups III, IV and VI are classified in class 428, subclass 95, which is the same class and subclass as Group I. Thus, reconsideration of the restriction requirement as to these groups is requested.

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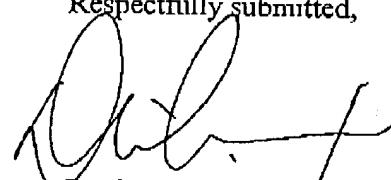
In the event that any issue remains unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney in the hope that such issue may be resolved in an expedient and satisfactory manner.

To any extent required, a request for an extension of time for filing this paper is hereby made. Authorization is provided to deduct any fee necessary for the acceptance of this paper from Deposit Account 04-0500.

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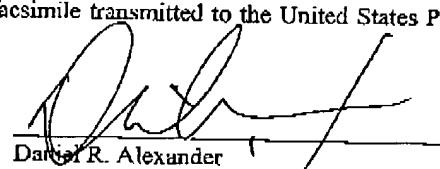
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